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TODAY and TOMORROW

"Democracy"

THE British began their war of aggression in Europe, in the name of democracy. With the British the Americans also took up the cry of democracy and launched upon a campaign of imperialistic expansion. And both together started the Greater East Asia War also in the name of democracy.

The British and the Americans have brutally forced several nations to fight for them to defend democracy. The British forcibly declared India to be at war, totally against the will of the Indian people. The Americans in the same way have forced Negroes in the United States as well as the nations of South America into their own war, all for the sake of democracy.

But now Anglo-American hypocrisy about freedom has received direct torpedo hits from Russia. At the San Francisco Conference, first Molotov indirectly dragged in the question of India's independence and later, in the discussion on trusteeship of colonies, Russia insisted that the objective of independence for all colonial peoples must be explicitly declared. The Russian exposure of Anglo-American hypocrisy about freedom and democracy is becoming more and more strong, more and more bitter everyday. The Moscow newspaper Pravda in a long article condemned the improper and hypocritical use of the word democracy by Britain stating that, "Britain is pursuing a wholly anti-democratic policy in India while pretending to defend democracy."

The Pravda has also quoted the Calcutta paper the Amrita Bazar Patrika. The Patrika says, "When certain English politicians speak of Indian politics, they end their tirades by expressive gratitude to Indians for defending the sacred cause of democracy. We are fed up with such a situation. They tell us we are fighting for democracy, but we see that in India, like nowhere else, the democratic cause is suffering."

The Amrita Bazar Patrika's exposure of British hypocrisy about democracy and their practice of ruthless tyranny in India is not a new thing. India's leaders and nationalist papers in India have done this before and from the beginning of the European war. But British propaganda has drowned the voice of truth by their own hypocritical nonsense poured out in unlimited quantities by their Indian puppets as well as British agents.

At present democracy is denied to subject nations and so long as they remain under the heels of Anglo-American domination they cannot expect to enjoy the benefits of democracy. The only salvation for the weak and exploited nations is through the thumping success of Nippon who has taken up the sword of justice to wipe out the cursed Anglo-American imperialism from East Asia and to reinvest in them their birth right — Freedom — which was once theirs.

NO MAJOR CHANGES SEEN ON OKINAWA

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Nippon Air Attack Corps Blast Seven Foe War Vessels Off Katena

Tokyo, May 21 (Domei)—Although there were no major changes in the ground fighting on Main Okinawa Island, the enemy again advanced toward the 150-metre height on the morning of May 18 when our forces launched fierce counter-attacks. Furious fighting is now raging in this locality.

Meanwhile, the enemy offensive in the Ona sector and west of this area has gradually spent its force. On the other hand, in the Ameku sector, where our lines are temporarily hard-pressed by the enemy, our defence troops by executing strategic deployment of positions dealt crushing counter-attacks on enemy troops and successfully took the situation well in hand. Consequently fighting in this sector has reached a stalemate.

Ryukyu Front, May 21 (Domei)—Between the night of May 17 and afternoon of May 18 Nippon air forces sank five enemy craft and heavily damaged two others in waters off Katena, Main Okinawa Island.

In an attack carried out on the night of May 17 one of our attack units heavily damaged and set ablaze two large type warcraft and destroyer, the latter eventually going down to the bottom. After sundown May 18 the "Tenchu" Unit of the "Shinbu" Special Attack Corps instantaneously sank two large type enemy warcraft and also sank two other warcraft in the same waters.

Parallel with attacks carried out by the "Tenchu" Unit, the "Hiryu" Unit of the same Special Attack Corps raided Kita and Naka airfields, Main Okinawa Island, during the two days May 17 and 18, blasting grounded enemy planes and runways and setting ablaze fuel depots.

Enemy Bombers Raid Keelung Area, Airfield

Taihoku, May 20 (Domei)—Approximately 160 Philippine-based enemy bombers, escorted by more than 20 fighters, appeared over Northern Taiwan yesterday (May 19) and carried out daylight attacks on the Keelung area with their main force. Bombs were dropped on the city of Keelung as well as the airfield, while railway stations in Giran, Karenko and Shinchiku were strafed by part of the enemy formation, which also appeared over Taihoku before retreating south shortly after 2 p.m.

British Hypocrisy In India Bitterly Attacked, Exposed

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"Pravda" Denounces Anti-Democratic India Policy

Lisbon, May 20 (Domei)—The international observer of the "Pravda," official organ of the Communist Party, today bitterly denounced what it described as the "improper and arbitrary use of the word democracy" by certain British Press organs, according to a Moscow dispatch.

Stating that such uses of the word democracy conflicted with the Soviet intepretation, the influential Soviet journal alleged that the action of these British press organs only served "as a means of producing anti-democratic ideas while pretending to defend democracy."

It cited that the Indian paper "Amrita Bazar Patrika" writes that when certain British politicians speak of Indian politics, they end their tirades by expressing gratitude to Indians for defending the "sacred cause of democracy."

"We are fed up with such a situation," the "Pravda" said. "They tell us we are fighting for democracy but we see in India, like nowhere else, that the democratic cause is suffering."

Although the "Pravda's" assertion appeared outwardly to be a play on words, it was significant in that it clearly demonstrated a divergence in the British and Soviet concept of what constitutes democracy.

Furthermore, the Soviet journal's specific reference to India is viewed with interest as an indication of Soviet concern in Indian developments—something that the Soviet Union until now has been careful in avoiding.

Peace Rumours Flatly Refuted

Tokyo, May 21 (Domei)—Rumours of Nippon peace overtures spread by the enemy were flatly refuted by Sadao Iguchi, Spokesman of the Board of Information, at a press conference this morning. Mr. Iguchi declared: "Needless to say, such reports are entirely without foundation. At no time, at no place and through no channel whatsoever has Nippon ever proposed peace to the United States and Britain."

He added: "At any rate, it is clear that the enemy's objective in carrying on such propaganda is to try and weaken the morale of the Nippon people. It is to be expected that such propaganda will be repeated from time to time in the future, but there is no need to state that Nippon's policy and aims will not change or waver in the slightest degree."

SELETAR INDIANS URGED TO CONTINUE ALL-OUT AID FOR COUNTRY'S LIBERATION WAR

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Col. Alagappan's Inspiring Speech At Huge Azad Hind Day Meeting

Indians of Seletar turned out in full force yesterday afternoon when leaders of the Indian Independence movement addressed a mass meeting at the Yamato Park Stage Hall, 12th mile, Sembawang Road, Seletar, in celebration of the Provisional Government of Azad Hind Day.

The meeting was held under the auspices of the local Chapter of the Indian Independence League and was presided by H.E. Col. S. C. Alagappan, in the unavoidable absence of Dr. M. K. Lukshumeyah, vice-president, Rear Headquarters, I.I.L.

The meeting commenced shortly after a visit by the I.I.L. leaders to the Samarasa Sanmarga Sangam where the party of visitors were entertained to tea and light refreshments.

In his opening speech, Sri M. K. Chidambaram, Chairman of the I.I.L., Syonan Branch, briefly explained the objects of the meeting and introduced Col. Alagappan and others to the audience.

Col. Alagappan gave a review of the present war situation in Europe and the fighting that was being waged by the Azad Hind Fauj in the cause of India's freedom. The speaker said that soldiers of the Azad Hind Fauj were still continuing their fight and it was the duty of all Indians in the home front to give them every support in men, money and materials.

The speaker also referred to the rift between the Anglo-Americans on the one hand and the Russians on the other and said that the differences were such that they might lead to another war in Europe.

The war in the Pacific continued with undiminished fury and grim determination and the Nipponese were determined to emerge victorious at any price. There was no doubt that the Nipponese would fight to the last and would never surrender to the Anglo-Americans.

Col. Alagappan said that he had heard of the wonderful response and keen support which Seletar Indians were giving to the Azad Hind Fauj and the Provisional Government of Azad Hind from their very inception and he hoped that Seletar Indians would continue to give their unstinted support in the future.

Sri B. S. Bavananthan and Sri N. Veerapillai spoke on the freedom movement in India and said that it was the duty of every self-respecting Indian to fight for the political emancipation of India from foreign rule and foreign domina-

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Food, Textile Controls Tightened To Intensify India Loot & Plunder

With the object of intensifying their loot and plunder of India's foodstuffs and other resources in order to feed the Anglo-American forces at the expense of the starving masses in the country, the auhorities in the United Provinces have, according to a New Delhi despatch, ordered all grain dealers in the province to give a daily account of their stocks. This measure has been taken by the authorities ostensibly with a view to preventing hoarding and blackmarketing but really to enable them to make their loot and plunder as thorough as possible.

The British authorities are also planning to intensify their loot of India's cloth in spite of the fact that the masses are suffering from an acute shortage of cloth. A New Delhi report says that the Textile Controller in Bombay has called upon all persons holding stocks of milled cloth to declare their stocks twice before the end of this month. The Controller has also ordered cloth dealers not to sell or dispose their stocks without the previous permission of the authorities.

Meanwhile, another report from New Delhi states that the Committee of the Calcutta Indian Chamber of Commerce has made a strong plea for the immediate removal of all wartime controls on Indian trade and industry imposed by the British authorities. In a communication to the Government of India, the Committee contends that the existing controls not only breed corruption but also jeopardise the smooth and effective working of normal trade channels.

Intense Fighting Breaks Out In Davao Sector

Tokyo, May 21 (Domei)—Fighting in the Davao sector has become markedly active since May 16, when the enemy launched a vigorous offensive against our positions on the right bank of Davao River. In his new offensive move, the enemy is supported by intense artillery fire and several tanks.

In the three-day period commencing May 14 Nippon troops in the Davao sector are known to have accounted for some 200 enemy casualties, in addition to five enemy aircraft shot down. Our troops also destroyed at least three enemy tanks, one armoured car and one cannon during the same period.

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Situation In Lebanon Reported To Be 'Grave'

Zurich, May 20 (Domei)—Describing the situation prevailing in Lebanon as "grave", a Beirut dispatch said that the general strike proclaimed in Beirut in protest against the arrival of fresh French troops today entered into its second day amidst an atmosphere of tension.

The deadlock in the negotiations between France and the Syrian and Lebanese Republics now seems "unavoidable", as the result of the answer handed by the Lebanese and Syrian governments to the recent French proposals, it said.

The latest dispute is believed to have arisen from continued French refusal to recognize the demands of the Levant States for the transfer of native troops from French to Levant control—the acceptance of which the Syrian and Lebanese governments strongly have stressed in the light of their independence.

The issue developed earlier this year, and negotiations were opened between French and Levant officials for the settlement of the problem. The issue flared up into the open anew on Friday with the arrival of French reinforcements in Beirut, which was generally regarded by the populace of Beirut as indicating French refusal to relinquish their rights in the Levant States.

Grand Mufti Of Jerusalem And Secretary Arrested

Lisbon, May 20 (Domei)—The Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, Amin L. Hussein, and his secretary have been arrested and handed over to the British authorities for fear that they may continue their anti-British activities, according to a Paris dispatch.

Col. Alagappan's Speech At Azad Hind Day Rally

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tion. As worthy sons and daughters of India they should be prepared to make the maximum sacrifice to attain that consummation.

Sri G. Sarangapani, Member-in-Charge, Press, Propaganda and Publicity, I.I.L., Syonan Branch, said that the Seletar Indians had been taking a prominent part in the activities of the Indian Independence movement and the contributions they had been making in men, money and materials were quite considerable. In order to establish closer contact with activities of the I.I.L. the authorities had decided to organize a Local Affairs Committee for Seletar Area through which Indians of Seletar could continue to give their support to the Azad Hind Government and the Azad Hind Fauj. Sri M. K. Sodar had been appointed Divisional Chief and he hoped that the public would give him and the sectional heads and other officials of the Committee all the support they deserved to carry on the work as smoothly and as efficiently as possible.

He also exhorted the public to give their support to the relief camp to be opened at the former Kamala Nehru Memorial School and said that donations in money and kind would be gratefully accepted.

The meeting was much enlivened by the singing of national songs which were contributed at suitable intervals by members of the Rani of Jhansi Regiment and Kumari S. N. Saraswathy, in addition to selections, supplied by the Provisional Government of Azad Hind Broadcasting Station Orchestra.

British-Soviet Political Pull Evident In Iran

Zurich, May 20 (Domei)—A "New York Times" dispatch, commenting on Iran's precarious economic and political situation, today said that a revolution most certainly would arise in Iran were it not for the presence of Anglo-American and Soviet troops.

The dispatch indicated that Iran today is a scene of a political struggle with Britain and the Soviet Union vieing with each other to strengthen their influence in the Middle East.

British troops were supposed to withdraw from Iran as a "test" last month but actually failed to make any move in that direction, apparently fearing that the lessening of British military influence would correspondingly strengthen the position of the Soviet Union, it said.

A veiled hostility, the dispatch said, persists between many pro-British and pro-Soviet politicians in Iran, and both Britain and the Soviet Union are engaged in political manoeuvres designed to further their own interests.

The Moscow Press, it was pointed out, recently made many remarks about the followers of Said Zia Ed Din, whose re-entry into Iran was assisted by Britain. "The remarks have not been complimentary," the dispatch said.

The possibilities of a revolution in Iran furthermore are accentuated by acute inflation and the debasement of currency, all of which have aggravated the feeling of dissatisfaction. Into this confused political picture, the United States also has entered through the policy of joint occupation, which, it is apparent, has not been motivated by altruistic intentions.

Indicating that the Iranian problem is one that involves the entire Middle East, the "New York Times" dispatch said, "The future spheres of the three great anti-Axis nations meet in the triangle between the Dardanelles, Suez Canal and Baluchistan. Little has been done so far to regulate their balance."

It stated further, "Britain's nervous policy of Victorian imperialism and playing off the Jew against the Arab has not quietened things, and the American policy until recently has not been noticeable at all, although it shows some signs of emerging from a hesitant womb."

Fukuda Expresses Determination To Defend East Asia

Shanghai, May 19 (Domei)—Vice-Admiral Ryozo Fukuda, newly-appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Nippon Fleet in China waters, in his first interview with newspapermen, expressed his firm determination to expend his utmost efforts for the defence of Greater East Asia and promotion of closer Sino-Nippon relations.

Intensified fighting in the Pacific war centering on Okinawa and rapid changes in the situation in Europe will naturally have complicated effects on the China situation, Fukuda said, continuing, "The responsibilities of the Nippon fleet in China waters will therefore become greater than ever before. In fullest co-operation with army forces I will make efforts to further strengthening Nippon war power for the successful conclusion of the current war and consolidation of the foundations on which the welfare of Greater East Asiatic nations will be secured on a lasting basis."

Fukuda declared, "It is inevitable that various difficulties will naturally occur in the course of the prosecution of the war. However, victory is certain. The United States and Britain are responsible for causing the present situation in China, Fukuda said, adding that the outbreak of the Sino-Nippon hostilities was due to Anglo-American machinations.

"I am firmly determined to effect the utmost defence of Greater East Asia and promotion of closer relations between Nippon and China," Vice-Admiral Fukuda concluded.

Civil Population Asked To Evacuate Rimini

Zurich, May 20 (Domei)—Immediately following on the heels of British Field-Marshal Sir Harold Alexander's charges that Yugoslav Marshal Joseph Tito was seeking to establish his claims on Trieste by force, a Rome dispatch today reported that the Anglo-American military authorities have ordered the civil population to evacuate from the whole coastal strip in the region of Rimini, Italian seacoast town, which is directly south-west of the Yugoslav port of Pola.

Although the Anglo-American authorities gave no reason for the evacuation, which involves some 25,000 persons, there are indications that the move was prompted with the object of bringing further military pressure on the Yugoslav Government. A few days ago, it will be recalled, units of the Anglo-American fleet were dispatched to the Trieste area on what was described as routine "mine-sweeping" operations.

In the meantime, in Yugoslav-occupied Trieste, armed Yugoslav detachments are said to be patrolling the streets with guns, as Trieste's press continued to thunder fiery declarations proclaiming that the important seaport would be defended against any and every invader.

Large Foe Warcraft Set Ablaze Off Okinawa

A Nippon Base In Okinawa Sector, May 21 (Domei)—In addition to heavily damaging five enemy warcraft around Main Okinawa Island on the night of May 18, a later check-up ascertained that our air uniis scored direct torpedo hits and set ablaze one enemy battleship or heavy cruiser off Point Itoman at about 10 o'clock the same night.

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NOTICE NO. 43.

Re: Renewal of Dog Licence.

Notice is hereby given that Dog Licences should be renewed as follows:—

1. Period for renewal of Licence: 1st to 30th June, Syowa 20.
2. Effective Period of Licence: 1st June, Showa 20 to 31st May, Showa 21.
3. Place for renewal of Licence: Syokuhin-Ka (Foodstuffs Department), Keizai-bu, Syonan Tokubetu-si Building.
4. Licence Fee: $20/- per dog.
5. After 1st July, unregistered dogs or dogs not wearing new badges will be captured or destroyed.

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22nd May, Showa 20.

Little Entities Defy "Big-Five" In San 'Frisco

Lisbon, May 19 (Domei)—Little nations at the San Francisco Conference today literally "threw a monkey wrench" into the controversial voting issue by challenging the right of the "Big Five" powers to hold a veto privilege over even peaceful settlements of disputes in the proposed world security organization, and forcing the creation of a special sub-committee to figure out an acceptable interpretation of the complicated Yalta voting formula for the proposed security council, according to a San Francisco dispatch.

The opposition of little nations further raised the question of disputes as well as enforcement of action such as applications of sanctions to the use of military force, it said. The new complication was said to have jarred the harmony of the San Francisco Conference as it came at a time when the conference was about to start on its second phase of work which was prepared by two weeks of preliminary technical arrangements.

Besides trouble arising out of the voting issue the San Francisco Conference is still reported to be in deadlock over the vital trusteeship proposal owing to the continued failure of the Soviet Union to reveal its position on the American compromise trusteeship proposal. Meantime, with the work of the San Francisco Conference being increasingly delayed by complications, the executive committee of 14 nations yesterday was said to have spent two hours to study ways for speeding up work in view of the fact that many of weary delegates have become disillusioned by the new delays.

Continuation Of British Coalition Govt. Opposed

Lisbon, May 20 (Domei)—The Executive of the British Labour Party today turned down British Prime Minister's proposal to continue the coalition government until after the end of war with Nippon, according to a Reuter dispatch from Blackpool.

The decision of the Labour Executive means that there will be a general election for certain and Labour will once again be able to act freely on vital government issues without being "tied to the apron strings" of the Government.

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Sports Assn. Goodwill Party Leaves Syonan

Syonan, May 21 (Domei)—To the cheers of sports-fans gathered to see them off a group of 30 sportsmen from the Syonan Sports Association left Syonan yesterday for a fortnight's tour of the peninsula when a series of soccer matches will be played against leading teams upcountry.

Heading the party of goodwill sportsmen was an official from the Welfare Department of Syonan Special Municipality and Mr. G. H. Kiat, chairman of the S.S.A.

The party's itinerary includes stops at Seremban, Kuala Lumpur, Ipoh and Penang where football games will be played against leading home teams. In the first game to be played at Kuala Lumpur, gross proceeds will be donated to the Selangor Air Raid Distress Fund, while proceeds of the second match to be played at Kuala Lumpur likewise will be given to charity.

Death Of Mrs. M. Hiralal

Mrs. Mayakunvar Hiralal passed away peacefully at the Chuo Byoin on Monday morning, 21st May, 2605 after a short illness.

Mr. Hiralal Dharshi Doshi, husband of the deceased has donated in remembrance of his wife a sum of $1001/- to the Indian Relief Fund, and a sum of $1001/- to Ramakrishna Mission for the poor and destitutes.

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